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FOR ARA RYAN/LUERS

E.O. 11653: GDS

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1. THANKS TO YOUR HELPFUL COMMENTS ON MATTER RAISED IN REFTTEL, I WAS ABLE TO GIVE SIMILAR ASSURANCES TO PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA DURING LAST NIGHT'S CONVERSATION.

2. ECHEVERRIA WAS RELATIVELY RELAXED ALTHOUGH IN FINAL THROES OF PUTTING FINISHING TOUCHES ON STATE OF UNION MESSAGE. HE VOLUNTEERED THAT IT WOULD INCLUDE REFERENCES TO BOTH HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD AND TO U.S./MEXICAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY MEETING, SAYING THAT THESE HAD ALREADY BEEN INCLUDED IN DRAFT OF MESSAGE BUT ON THE BASIS OF MY CONVERSATION WITH GUTIERREZ BARRIOS THESE PASSAGES WOULD BE FURTHER REFINED. (CAUTION: LET'S BE REALISTIC AND NOT EXPECT ANYTHING TOO GLOWING*)

3. ECHEVERRIA IN CLOSING REPEATED HIS OFFER TO INVITE CONGRESSMEN, SAYING THAT IF IT SHOULD EVER PROVE USEFUL TO US TO HELP EXPLAIN HIS POLICIES AND THEIR PURPOSES AND RESULTS OF HIS RECENT TRIP, HE WOULD BE GLAD TO INVITE TWO OR
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THREE SMALL GROUPS OF CONGRESSMEN, THREE OR FOUR AT A

TIME, TO COME AND "DIALOGUE". HE RECOGNIZED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO CHOOSE THEM AS IT SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED TO THOSE ALREADY FAVORABLE TO MEXICO BUT SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE MEXICO'S CRITICS. I SAID I WOULD REPORT HIS SUGGESTIONS AND WE WOULD KEEP IN TOUCH ON THIS.

4. I CLOSED (PERHAPS PERJURING MYSELF A LITTLE) BY SAYING THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD OBSERVED WITH SYMPATHETIC INTEREST DEVELOPMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH HIS UNPRECEDENTED TRIP TO FOURTEEN COUNTRIES. (MORE DETAILS OF TRIP IN SEPTTEL.)
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